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Various species that grow commonly near the summit of Mt. Mariveles also occur on the upper slopes of Mt. Santo Tomas, some three thousand or four thousand feet higher, their habits being regulated, evidently, by the more or less similar conditions of moisture, rather than by elevation.

Perhaps the most widely distributed species collected is a *Fissidens*, about equalling *grandifrons* in size. It is common at not much above sea level, but always sterile, while from four thousand to seven thousand five hundred feet elevation, fruiting specimens are abundant.

Manila, P. I., January 20, 1905.

BRYUM FOSTERI, n. sp.

Bryum Baileyi is not tenable (See *BRYOLOGIST*, 8: May, 1905). Dr. Brotherus having given this name to an Australian moss. Therefore, I propose *Bryum Fosteri* for the Washington moss: Synonym *Bryum Baileyi* Holz. non Broth.

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THE BOTANICAL CONGRESS AT VIENNA.

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It has become a settled custom to hold an International Botanical Congress once in five years. There have been held one at Genoa, one at Paris, and the last at Vienna, from the eleventh to the eighteenth of June, at which there was an attendance of about six hundred persons, of which about four hundred were professional botanists, and nearly two hundred whose names are familiar in botanical literature. The opening exercises were held in the great hall of the university, and the morning sessions were devoted to the reading of papers, illustrated by lantern slides, and to the sessions of various societies, including the International Society of Botanists. The afternoon sessions were held at the Botanical Garden, beginning at three and ending at seven or later. They were devoted to questions of nomenclature and the discussions were based on the "*Synoptical Text*," prepared by Mr. John Briquet, who with infinite patience had brought together and coordinated the diverse views which have so confused the question of plant names. His linguistic facility won the admiration of all.

The report was presented in the name of the International Nomenclature Commission, appointed in Paris in 1900, which was printed in a quarto volume of one hundred and fifty-nine pages and contains the laws of 1867, with subsequent additions and recommendations of the International Nomenclature Commission. The official language of the session was French. M. Flahault, of Montpellier, acted as president, with two vice-presidents, Mr. Rendle, of London, and Carl Mez, and three secretaries, English, French and German. There were twenty-six German delegates, seventeen Austrian, fourteen American, eight French, eight Swiss, four Russian, three Belgian, two English and two Italian, and one each from Norway, Sweden, Spain, Denmark, Java and Calcutta. But this did not represent the total number of votes cast because a number of the delegates